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IT'S BEEN A LONG *TIME*, SHANG-CHI.

YOUR *FATHER* SENDS HIS BEST.

ME.

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SO, YOU ARE AS SKILLED AS I REMEMBER.
SKILLED ENOUGH TO DEFEAT YOU TIME AND TIME AGAIN, WEAPONSMASTER.
THAT IS ALL IN THE PAST.
ALL OF YOUR SECRETS ARE KNOWN TO ME. ALL OF YOUR STRATEGIES REVEALED.
FRIENDS OF YOURS? THEY HAD TO DIE. THEY WERE GOING TO WARN YOU.

THEY WERE INNOCENTS.

GUILT OR INNOCENCE DO NOT *MATTER* —

— WHEN YOUR FATHER'S *WILL* IS TO BE OBEYED.

WHAT HAS HE PROMISED YOU, ZARAN?

GOLD? WOMEN? POWER?

MY OWN *COUNTRY*, SHANG-CHI.

MY FATHER IS A *LIAR*.

HE WILL NOT SURRENDER EVEN AN *ACRE* TO YOU.

A *KINGDOM* OF MY OWN.

TO RULE AS *I* SEE FIT.

ALL IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR *HEAD*.

SHING

UH?

UNNH!

GUNH!

MOST ADEPT —

MOST *DISCIPLINED* —

YOU HAVE ***MORE*** THAN EARNED THE TITLE AS THE GREATEST LIVING MARTIAL ARTS MASTER.

IT IS ***MORE*** THAN ANIMAL FEROCITY, ZARAN.

UNFF!

IT IS *MORE* THAN RAGE THAT BRINGS VICTORY.

SHANG-CHI! YOUR LIFE IS MINE!

KUNG FU

IS IT *HONOR* YOU SPEAK OF?

YOU DISHONOR YOUR FATHER WITH EVERY *BREATH.*

THAT ENDS *NOW.*

BUSTED IN HERE TO FIND A STREET HUSTLER NAMED DADDY WRONGLEGS.

HIS LEGS ARE WRONG, ALL RIGHT.

BRRRRRRT

AND THERE'S WAY TOO MANY OF THEM.

POK

HSSSSSST

BIG. ANGRY. BULLETPROOF.

NOT MY FAVORITE COMBINATION.

A 40MM FRAG SHOULD AIR HIM OUT.

THONK

OR NOT.

THIS ROOM'S ABOUT TO GET HOT.

KATONK

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KINKED TITANIUM WIRE WRAPPED AROUND A BRICK OF SEMTEX.

IT HAS TO HAVE TAKEN SOME FIGHT OUT OF THE BUG.

BRAAAAMM

HSSSSSST

NO SUCH LUCK.

BRRRRRRT

HAVE TO COVER MY OWN RETREAT.

COME BACK WITH A BIGGER GUN.

I'M THINKING LOW-YIELD NUKE.

I KNOW WHERE I CAN LAY MY HANDS ON ONE.

CHANGE OF PLANS.

MY LINE OF WITHDRAWAL IS CUT OFF.

THOSE JUNKIES WHO WERE SLEEPING IT OFF.

MAYBE THEY'RE MORE THAN ADDICTS.

AND LESS THAN HUMAN.

MORE LIKE SLAVES. OR DRONES.

BRRRRRRRT

I MEANT TO DRAW THAT ALTAR BOY DAREDEVIL AND HIS CREW DOWN HERE.

I'M SURE THEY COULD HACK THIS ACTION.

IT'S CENTRALLY LOCATED.

TOTAL SECURITY.

I KNOW IT'S NOT MUCH TO *LOOK* AT RIGHT NOW.

BUT YOU CAN *SEE* THE POSSIBILITIES.

YOU MISSED YOUR *CALLING*, SPECTOR. YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN REAL ESTATE.

ACTUALLY, I *AM*.

THIS *WOULD* MAKE A GREAT HEADQUARTERS, DAREDEVIL.

I'M NOT *USED* TO THIS. I OPERATE ALONE.

THANKS FOR *THAT*.

MOSTLY ALONE. YOU UNDERSTAND, 'TASHA. TOO MANY DISTRACTIONS.

EXCUSE ME, BUT YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO *WELL* ON YOUR OWN.

YOU WANT TO NAIL THE *PUNISHER?* THAT TAKES ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT.

I CAN FINANCE IT ALL. I CAN MAKE THIS A *STATE-OF-THE-SCIENCE* CRIMEFIGHTING CENTER.

THE *WIDOW* KNOWS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

YOU WORKED WITH *SHIELD*, NATASHA. YOU *KNOW* ABOUT STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.

SWINGING FROM ROOFTOPS AND FISTFIGHTS IN ALLEYS DOESN'T *CUT* IT ANYMORE.

SPECTOR IS RIGHT. HE'S OFFERING US AN OPPORTUNITY.

I'M CONVINCED, 'TASHA. WE'LL UNITE TO BRING DOWN FRANK CASTLE.

AND ONCE HE'S *CAUGHT?*

WE'LL SEE WHAT *HAPPENS.*

WE'RE GONNA BE A *TEAM* NOW?

YES, DAGGER.

SO WHAT DO WE *CALL* OURSELVES?

YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD THE *WORLD* -- BUT YOU *BETRAYED* YOUR FATHER!

ALL THAT I DESIRE WAS YOURS BY *BIRTH!*

YOU KNOW --

UNNH!

-- *NOTHING!*

MY *FATHER* IS THE BETRAYER. HE IS THE *ENEMY* OF EVERY LIVING THING ON THIS PLANET.

AS LONG AS I LIVE --

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.

THIS IS CANAL STREET, NOT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

KEEP YOUR HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM.

MOVE SLOW AND NOBODY --

NO!

ARGH!

UK!

FOOL!

Woo

I TIRE OF THIS.

I WILL KILL YOU NOW AND CLAIM MY PRIZE.

THRAKT

OOP.

YOU TAKE MY FATHER AT HIS WORD.

HE WILL KILL YOU RATHER THAN REWARD YOU.

IF YOU BESTED ME THEN HE WOULD FEAR YOU.

AND WHAT HE FEARS HE DESTROYS.

I'LL TAKE THAT CHANCE, SHANG-CHI.

IF I CAN GET TO THE ROOF I CAN MAKE ANOTHER PLAN.

I HOPE I CAN MAKE ANOTHER PLAN.

MAYBE SOME FRESH AIR WILL HELP.

FOR NOW I DO WHAT I CAN TO REDUCE THE ODDS.

THESE JUNKIES BLEED GREEN NOW.

NOT SURE WHAT THEY ARE. THEY'RE NOT PEOPLE ANYMORE.

THE ARMALITE'S EMPTY. FIVE HUNDRED ROUNDS I'VE THROWN AT THESE SUCKERS.

I ONLY HAVE EIGHTEEN ROUNDS OF HARDBALL LEFT.

JACK RED

THIS DOOR'S NOT MOVING.

HOUSING AUTHORITY MUST HAVE WELDED IT SHUT.

DID IT TO PREVENT ROOF JUMPERS.

FALLING THIRTY STORIES IS LOOKING GOOD ABOUT NOW.

THE COLTS ARE EMPTY.

THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF THIS.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN I GO EASY.

YOU CANNOT STRUGGLE FREE, SHANG-CHI.

NEITHER CAN YOU, KILLER.

UH?

SHAKT

CHNNK

SHANK

NO...

SHIKT

SHAKT

SHAKT

UNH!

WHEN YOU SEE HIM, TELL MY FATHER TO SEND SOMEONE *BETTER* NEXT TIME.

NNNGG...

I PUT A HURT ON THE BUG.

BUT NOT ENOUGH HURT.

UNNH!

LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO KILL ME INSTEAD OF CHANGING ME INTO ONE OF THEM.

HSSSSSST

MY LUCKY DAY.

IT GETS WEIRDER.

SOMETHING STOPS THEM FROM LANDING THE DEATHBLOW.

SOME KIND OF SHIELD. I CAN FEEL IT BUT NOT SEE IT

UH?

REED WAS *RIGHT. THERE'S* THE RUNAWAY COCKROACH, JOHNNY.

AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S ALREADY GOT A *HIVE* STARTED.

JUST *LIKE* BUGS. THEY *HATE* THE LIGHT.

BRRR! *CREEPY.*

HERE COMES THE *EXTERMINATOR*, BUGFACE.

REED WANTS HIM IN *ONE* PIECE, BEN.

YEAH. YEAH. JUST A *LOVETAP*, MATCHHEAD.

MAN, CAN'T *WAIT* TO WASH THIS OFF.

YOU *OKAY*, PAL?

YEAH. I *THINK* SO.

WHAT'S GOING *ON* HERE?

BUGFACE HERE IS AN ESCAPED CONVICT FROM ANOTHER *PLANET*. IF YOU CAN *BELIEVE* THAT.

YOU'RE *KIDDING*.

PERSONALLY, A ROACH THIS SIZE DOESN'T *SURPRISE* ME. I LIVED ON *YANCY* STREET.

WHAT WERE YOU *DOING* IN HERE, MISTER?

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO *SLEEP*. BAD *CHOICE*, HUH?

WE HEARD *GUNFIRE*.

I WOULDN'T KNOW ANYTHING *ABOUT* THAT.

YOU OKAY, MISTER? MAYBE WE CAN DROP YOU AT A HOSPITAL.

NAW. I GOT ALL THE MEDICINE I NEED. I JUST NEED A PLACE TO *SLEEP*.

OUR BUS IS *LEAVIN'*, HOTSHOT. THERE'S LOTS *MORE* OF THESE BUGS TO FIND.

TAKE *CARE* OF YOURSELF, MISTER.

THEY SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD ONCE A WEEK.

AND THEY STILL CAN'T BE BOTHERED TO NOTICE JUST ONE PERSON IN IT.

WHERE TO *NEXT*, REED?

THE BAXTER BUILDING, SUE. IT'S TOO LATE FOR *THOSE* POOR WRETCHES ALREADY INFECTED WITH THIS INSECTOID STRAIN.

BUT I NEED TO STUDY THIS CREATURE TO PREVENT THIS HAPPENING AGAIN.

THE FANTASTIC FOUR.

THE TOUGHEST SUPERBEINGS ON THE PLANET.

BAM

THEY CAN TAKE ON ALL COMERS AND BE HOME IN TIME FOR DINNER.

WHY COULDN'T I HAVE SOMEONE LIKE THEM AFTER ME?

CHUG

END

Shadowcat